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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Kern Council of Governments' (KCOG) 2004/05 - 2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
12	Local Element <ul style="list-style-type: none">Modifies funding for Section 130 Railroad Grade Crossing Protection projects by adding three new projects to the program. The project locations are Kratzmeyer Road, Popular Avenue, and Merced Avenue. An additional \$758,000 has been added to Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 12 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The updated programming is for projects determined to be exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination and/or regional emissions analysis be performed per 40 CFR 93.126. As a result, no further conformity determination is required. In addition, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. KCOG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
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